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FIVE LIVES LOST AND MILLS IDLE IN OHIO VALLEY

River Men, However,
Think That All Danger
of Flood Is Past.

LORRAINE LOSS, \$500,000

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and Carried Away.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 23.—The flood situation experienced a change for the better last night, and this morning the river was much lower. River men are of the opinion that all danger has passed.

Five lives lost, damage to property reaching over \$2,000,000, business almost suspended, mills and factories idle, steam railroad and electric railways, traffic paralyzed, is the result of one of the worst floods in the section east of Cleveland, including the extreme western part of Pennsylvania.

At Loraine the loss is \$500,000, many tugs, scows, and dredges having been torn from their fastenings and carried away. At Youngstown almost every plant has been compelled to suspend. The fire department has been kept busy rescuing people in the flooded districts.

City Bridges Threatened.

At East Youngstown the Baltimore and Ohio is holding down a new bridge with heavily loaded cars. Some of the city bridges are threatened. Two thousand people have been forced to leave their homes. Three persons were drowned at Sharon, Pa., where nearly every plant is idle from high water. Two deaths from drowning are reported from Warren, Ohio.

At Toledo, Ohio, several boats were carried away. Three bridges were wrecked and the homes of thousands of people along the water front are flooded. It is reported that the schooner Barnes is lost at Put in Bay.

RIVER 22 FEET HIGH AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 23.—The Ohio River was twenty-two feet here this evening and, above it, the great mass of water coming from above is expected to reach here tomorrow and cause a rapid rise. Rivermen fear a flood that will at least reach the danger line.

ICE GORGE PLAYS HAVOC WITH BRIDGE

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 23.—The ice gorge hit the piles of the Detroit Southern Railroad bridge over the river here this evening and, carried away fifty feet of it. Temporarily the Detroit Southern is crossing the river by using the Norfolk and Western bridge.

MANY FAMILIES TAKEN FROM HOMES IN COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 23.—The point of danger for the present, from a flooding of the river, has so far as the residents of the city are concerned, been passed, a big drop in the water line taking place tonight. However, entire safety will not be insured unless there is a continued prevalence of favorable conditions, as the pressure of the waters has weakened the levee. The water line now reaches 16.8 feet.

The police department was compelled this evening to rescue from the low-lands along the river a number of families who had remained too long in their homes. There has been no loss of life. The loss to property will reach several thousand dollars.

"SHIPS THAT PASS."

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 23.—Five more feet of water is expected here. A yacht, several barges, and skiffs passed here in the ice today. At too, that the manufacturing plants along the river are closed.

TRENTON THREATENED BY DELAWARE FRESHET

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 23.—Trenton has never faced a more serious condition as a result of a freshet in the Delaware River than confronts it tonight. The ice moved early this morning, but closed up a couple of hours later.

Since then the water has continued to rise, until at midnight it was about twelve feet above the normal level of the river. Many families residing near by are removing in boats from their homes, accompanied by some of their household effects. Those remaining are obliged to remain on the upper floors of their dwellings. The water has entered various factories along the banks, causing damage. Fear is felt that the partly dismantled old river bridge will be swept away.

SCHUYLKILL RIVER FLOOD IS RECEDING

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—The danger point has been passed and the water in the Schuylkill river is receding. The overflow has disappeared from the banks and the water, although still high, is about one foot below the chart level.

The tracks of the Delaware and Ohio Railroad on the east bank and the Pennsylvania Railroad on the west bank are clear and traffic resumed during the evening. The city boats have practically cleared the Delaware.

SENATOR BURTON DENIES CHARGES

Declares He Did Not Attempt to Influence Any Post-office Officials—Goes West to Face Indictment on Its Merits.

Senator Joseph R. Burton of Kansas will leave Washington today for St. Louis to defend himself against the charges made before the Federal grand jury there, resulting in the return of an indictment against him.

According to press dispatches from that city, the indictment consists of nine counts, alleging the Senator accepted \$500 for services in inducing the Post-office Department here to render a decision favorable to the Rialto Grain and Securities Company, a St. Louis concern doing a large mail business.

Denied by Burton.

Mr. Burton enters a strong denial that he used his official position in any way to help the Rialto Company. As a lawyer, he was employed by the company to look out for some of its interests and declares his course was entirely regular and above criticism.

Major Hugh C. Dennis, president of the Rialto Company, and V. E. McHenry, associated with him, are mentioned in the indictment as having issued to Senator Burton a check on the Commonwealth Trust Company, under date of November 22, 1902. This check is regarded by the Senator's friends as the best evidence that the transaction was entirely open and aboveboard, and a simple professional matter with which politics had nothing whatever to do.

The Senator's Statement.

At his home at Thirteenth and L Streets northwest, Senator Burton last night authorized The Times to make the following detailed statement of his connection with the Rialto Company's affairs. He said there was nothing in the case which need be covered in any way except his trip to St. Louis would be made immediately, in order that he might make prompt answer to any queries in connection with the court proceedings. The Senator said:

"I was employed as counsel to defend Dennis and help him in the troubles he had in the latter part of 1902 and the fore part of 1903. His troubles consisted of an indictment by the Federal grand jury in St. Louis, about that time, and he was threatened with civil proceedings. I was employed as one of his counsel. He came on to Washington in December, 1902, and brought a copy of the indictment with him. After conferring with him about this particular case, I went with him to Mr. Cochran, chief Postoffice Inspector, to inquire if there was any complaint in the department against him. This was because in the prosecution of his business of grain speculation he used the mails extensively.

Did Not Intercede.

"I did not act as his attorney in any sense before the department, nor did I seek to influence them, directly or indirectly, in any way respecting the matter. And I was particular to state to Mr. Cochran that I could not be retained by Mr. Dennis or anyone as an attorney, directly or indirectly, in opposing the will of the department, or influencing it in any way.

"I subsequently went to St. Louis to confer with Mr. Dennis' local counsel respecting the case and other matters that he had there.

No Complaint Made.

"After Dennis was acquitted, I called at the department again, only for the purpose of inquiring if the department had any complaint against him. I was advised that Dennis never had any trouble with the department that I know anything about.

"I shall leave tomorrow for St. Louis and shall not seek to meet the case on any technicality but on its merits."

BRYAN ISSUES AN ULTIMATUM

Palmer and Buckner Ticket Barred, He Says.

"MUST HAVE BEEN LOYAL"

Silver Leader Not a Candidate, But Nemesis for Man Who Failed to Support Ticket.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—In view of the many contradictory reports regarding the attitude of William Jennings Bryan toward Chief Justice Alton B. Parker, who, according to Senator Patrick H. McCarran, is "the only Democratic Presidential candidate in sight," and also regarding his own political intentions, a reporter called upon Mr. Bryan today and asked him the following questions:

"Would the fact that a man voted for Palmer and Buckner prevent him from being a Presidential candidate in 1904?"

"It would not prevent him from being the candidate of a Palmer and Buckner convention," Mr. Bryan said.

"Would it prevent him from being the candidate of the Democratic convention?"

"It certainly would," Mr. Bryan said with emphasis. "No man who voted for Palmer and Buckner will be the candidate of the Democratic party."

"It is reported that Judge Parker voted for Palmer and Buckner," was suggested.

"I know nothing about that. I am not referring in what I have just said to Judge Parker or any particular candidate. Don't make it appear that I am referring to Judge Parker. I am simply making a general statement. You may say as emphatically as you please that the Democratic convention will not nominate anyone who voted for Palmer and Buckner."

"Is it true that you refuse to say whether or not you will vote if the St. Louis convention does not reaffirm the Kansas City platform?"

"Yes; I refuse to answer that question, and I challenge the right of those who have booted the ticket in the past to ask it of me," Mr. Bryan replied warmly. "The question at the St. Louis convention will be not what we are going to do, but what the men who have been helping the Republican party and at the same time asserting vociferously their Democracy are going to do. I have no doubt but that the Kansas City platform will be reaffirmed."

"What is the source of your statement?" Mr. Bryan asked.

"It is so stated in the New York morning."

"I do not think I ought to be accepted as true on that authority," Mr. Bryan said. "I don't think I ought to be believed when I say that from sources that continually misrepresent us."

GIFTS OF MONEY TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMPTION

Henry Phipps Sends a
Check for \$1,000
With Letter.

LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Resolutions Adopted for Legislation to Require Report of Cases.

Gifts of money for the advancement of the cause of combating tuberculosis in the District of Columbia flowed into the coffers of the Committee on the Prevention of Consumption at a meeting held in the rooms of the Associated Charities, 311 G Street northwest, yesterday afternoon.

A check for \$1,000 was the donation of Henry Phipps, of Pittsburgh, the millionaire philanthropist, who lived in Washington some years ago.

A check for \$100 for the construction of a tent, in which to commence "tent" treatment of tuberculosis patients, was the gift of Miss Emily Tuckerman, a member of the committee.

A contribution of \$50 per month for six months, to defray the expenses of lectures in the local schools and churches was the proffer of William J. Kerhoe.

The efficiency of subordinates of the District Health Office, who inspect hygienic conditions in the city slums, and permit the grossest instances of insanitation to continue without effort to bring about improved conditions, was severely criticized. Much of the time of the meeting was given up to a general discussion of the methods in vogue in the health office.

The enactment of legislation to require local physicians to report to the Health Office every case of tuberculosis coming under their professional notice was advocated in resolutions adopted.

Those Present.

Among those present were the chairman of the committee, Health Officer Dr. W. C. Woodward; Secretary Weller, of the committee and the Associated Charities; Thomas W. Smith, chairman of the finance subcommittee; Dr. D. Percy Hickling, chairman of the subcommittee on printing and distribution; Gen. George M. Sternberg, chairman of the subcommittee on care and treatment of the pulmonary cases; William Downey, the Rev. John Van Schaik, Jr.; the Rev. D. E. Wiseman, W. S. Duffield, E. H. Hunter, Dr. Murray G. Motter, Rear Admiral William K. Van Reypen, Dr. G. M. Kober, John F. Williams, Miss Emily Tuckerman, and Miss H. L. Washington.

Walter Wyman, chairman of the subcommittee on laws and administration, who was unable to be present, sent a letter detailing the circumstances and expressing his regret.

The election of officers of the committee for the ensuing year was held. All of the old officers, consisting of Dr. Woodward, chairman; Rudolph Kauffmann, treasurer, and Charles F. Weller, secretary, were re-elected, and in addition General Sternberg was elected vice chairman, an office not hitherto created.

KU-KLUX GANG KILL A WOMAN'S DEFENDERS

Mrs. Elizabeth Mullins Stripped of Clothing and Beaten With Switches. Brother to Rescue.

OWINGSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 23.—News reached here today from Letcher county, Kentucky, that a gang of Cumberland Mountain Ku-Klux went to the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Mullins and, taking her from her home, stripped her clothing from her and beat her unmercifully with switches. When they had beaten her into unconsciousness, they laid her out on a bed and left her there.

As the Ku-Klux were leaving the scene they were attacked by James Mullins, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Mullins, and a posse.

A battle with Winchester and revolvers ensued, resulting in James Mullins and one of his men, Harvey Moore, being killed.

William Haley and Hooker Smith, two others, were taken prisoners by the Mullins men, and they were bound to a tree and burned until they revealed the names of their associates.

The latter escaped into the Cumberland Mountains and a posse of ten men is in pursuit. Another battle is expected.

HELENA, Mon., Jan. 23.—The supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the district court of Silver Bow county in the case of *Ex parte* *Smith*, amounting to \$50,000.

The attorneys were in agreement with the famous reversionary trust of the Montana Company, the original action having been brought by the company against the defendant, who was responsible for the recent strike of Amalgamated property in the district.

Best Boards, \$1.50 Per 100 Feet. Price Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave.

MARYLAND SOLONS LOOK TO GORMAN

Minority Senate Leader Holds Key to Situation in Legislature—Rayner the People's Choice—Assembly Meets Again Tomorrow.

STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 23.—The first ballot and the fourth joint ballot of the Legislature today was almost an absurdity.

No one attached any importance to it and the rollcall was rattled off with feverish haste, as all the members were in a hurry to catch the 12:35 train, which they did.

The Changes Explained.

Messrs. Rayner, Jackson, and McComas have lost, while Miles and Carter "at and set." Smith gained two votes over yesterday and touched his previous high record of thirty. Mr. Rayner received thirty-eight votes yesterday.

His loss of four votes today was caused by the defection of Delegate Currier of Carroll to Smith, and the absence of Delegates Bosse, Trager, and Durham, of Baltimore. There was no criticism of the absence of the three city delegates named, as everybody knew today's vote would merely mark time, and they had been excused by Senator Gill, Mr. Rayner's chief of campaign.

Keys for Smith.

Former Governor Smith held all his twenty-eight votes of yesterday and regained Delegates Oursler and Fryer, who had at previous times bolted for him. Mr. Keys of Cecil would, it is said, have voted for Smith had he been present.

He went to his home in Elkton last night and missed his train on his way back to Annapolis this morning.

Messrs. Carter and Miles received exactly the same votes as yesterday. Former Governor Jackson, as explained above, lost Messrs. Keys and Fryer, and dropped back to his original supporters—the Wicomico members and Senator Appleghar.

Gorman May Settle It.

Notwithstanding that Mr. Gorman's power as dictator has received a bad jolt, it is still conceded that he can settle the matter in favor of either Smith or Rayner. It is not believed, though, that he can now make any dark horse or other candidate than one of the two principal Democratic contestants now in the field. The question here seems to be the three-fold one:

"Will Gorman still refuse to act, will he accept Smith, or will he do the unexpected thing and go to Rayner?"

As no one has the key to the inner

workings of Mr. Gorman's mind, the question cannot be satisfactorily answered.

Might Prefer Rayner.

Some of Mr. Rayner's strongest supporters insist that Mr. Gorman is in such a state of indignation against former Governor Smith for declining to be a delegate and permit the election of Mr. Carter that he may accept Rayner, but never Smith. The theory is spun to support this view that Mr. Rayner would, in the event of his securing the Senate through Mr. Gorman's assistance, become a "yes" man and be content to discuss abstract constitutional and economic problems on the floor of the Senate.

Although the ballot today was taken nominally at noon, the clock was set forward, and the joint assembly really began at 11:30 o'clock. It occupied less than twenty minutes.

MARYLAND DEMOCRATS CONSULT MR. GORMAN

A number of prominent Maryland Democrats, including I. Freeman Rains, the Baltimore leader, came over to Washington yesterday evening for a conference with Senator Gorman tomorrow upon the Senatorial situation in Maryland.

The conference may result in a decision which will solve the Senatorial mudslide at Annapolis. When the canvass for Senator McComas' seat began among the Maryland Democrats it was no secret that ex-Gov. John Walter Smith had the endorsement of the party organization and of Senator Gorman. At the last moment, however, the Senator deserted the former governor, and now engaged in an effort to swing the organization into line for Bernard Carter, a corporation lawyer of Baltimore.

As the situation now stands, Carter is third among the Democrats in the race, Mr. Rayner leading. The organization does not want the defection of Rayner, and the conference today will be for the purpose of reaching some decision. It may be to return to the support of Governor Smith, or to a "dark horse." Several of the Maryland Democrats saw Senator Gorman yesterday and discussed the matter with him.

Shipwrecked Sailors Rescued in Open Sea

Plucky Long Island Life-Savers Perform Thrilling Feat After Battling for Hours With a Raging Surf Off Quogue.

QUOGUE, L. I., Jan. 23.—In the history of the Atlantic Coast Life-Saving Corps there are few stories showing more heroic daring than that displayed by William Halsey, of the life-saving station at Quogue, who for over an hour today fought with the surf for the life of a sailor named Everett, one of the crew of the four-masted ship Augustus Hunt, which went ashore early this morning. Halsey was successful in saving his man, and reached the shore with him in a half-conscious condition.

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PARENTAL PARDON COMES TO YOUNG MARIE VARNELL

Telegram From Chicago
Brings Great Joy to
the Elopers.

HONEYMOON IN FLORIDA

Pleasant Ending of a Love Romance Begun in Classic Old Georgetown.

Parental pardon and the family blessing have been extended to Marie John Thomas Varnell, formerly Marie Cecilia Sullivan, who eloped from Georgetown Visitation Convent and was married on Friday in Rockville.

While seated at dinner in the Raleigh last night Mr. and Mrs. Varnell received a dispatch from the father of the bride assuring the runaways of the forgiveness of himself and Mrs. Sullivan.

Thus the vicissitudes of a pretty romance are happily concluded.

Went to Georgetown.

The father of the bride, John Sullivan, is manager of the Swift packing houses, in Chicago. The groom is a Washingtonian, a former student at Georgetown University, and once a star member of the Blue and Gray track team.

To become his bride, Miss Sullivan left the convent walls last Wednesday on the plea of attending a wedding. She attended the ceremony, and instead of returning to the convent, went with friends and passed that night and the following in hiding as their guest. On Friday morning the couple wended their way to Washington's Gretna Green, where their own nuptial knot was tied.

Mr. and Mrs. Varnell will remain at the Raleigh for a few days, and will then depart for Florida, where they will